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“We strongly encourage the House of Representatives to pass the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) improvements contained in the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act (H.R. 4213).

“Four years of positive updates will provide physicians with the stability needed, while we look at real ways for true payment reform and eliminating the need for the SGR.

“The ACC continues to push for a permanent payment solution and is working with Congress on real ways to do that. We want the SGR repealed. However, Congress also must not allow the cuts to go through on June 1 and we are advocating on behalf of cardiology members in that regard.

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About the ACC:

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